Handicapping Analysis
Sun September 8th, 2024

Howard's Late Pick 4

Hawthorne Race 6

Post Time 4:30 PM CST

Analysis by Howard Kravets

Race 6: 3 - 5 - 2

Pick 4 Ticket: 2,3,5 / 2,8 / 3,4,9,11 / 2,4,5,8 ($48)

#3 Kaely's Sister (2-1) is on an absolute role for Rivelli. She's coming in from out of town, but she's raced many times at Hawthorne and has been working well for this start. Doesn't need the lead, but probably better if she gets it.

Race 7: 2 - 8 - 9

Defaulting the ML-fave, **#2 Policy Option (7-5)**, but not proud of it. Horse is running fine, but nothing spectacular. I would not take too low a price on this one, especially since he's for sale for $7,500. Not too many options other than him, but #8 Andthethunderrolls used to run some nice races on the grass back in the day… maybe he can rekindle that turf fire in his belly?

Race 8: 4 - 11 - 9

I've said this before a few times on these selections…lower-level conditioned claimers don't pass from deep too often, so I'm always looking for early speed. Perhaps 4yo filly **#4 Top Look (9-2**) is finding her footing, winning very well on the lead last time. She's claimed by Rodriguez who's 29% with new acquisitions…why not again?

Race 9: 8 - 4 - 2

I'm a sucker for "zero Beyer" horses. I know, sounds ridiculous. But they do suprisingly well. **#8 Bag Lady (4-1)** is coming off a complete non-effort…she was awful. But Catalano brings horses to this meet with intent, and she has plenty of back-numbers that would win here. She's only 1-for-9, so this one is a bit of an "all-or-nothing" type.